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**Ms. Margo Vickers
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1525 New Hampshire Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036-1291**

Dear Ms. Vickers:

In response to your request, I am forwarding to you summaries of two epidemiological studies conducted in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, in response to groundwater contamination by coal-tar derivatives. The groundwater contamination has resulted in the closure of seven municipal wells. I have also enclosed a copy of the U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report summarizing their investigation and assessment of the groundwater contamination. This report should provide some understanding of the nature of the problem.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has already conducted an evaluation of this situation in ranking the site for inclusion in the Superfund inventory. Much of the information you may require has already been generated as part of this ranking. You may wish to contact Mr. Michael Kosakowski (202/382-4810) of the Headquarters Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 612/623-5297.

Sincerely,

**Michael P. Convery, Hydrologist
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Enclosures

cc: Michael Kosakowski ✓

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